

# Fiscal Note

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Title: MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES & MEDS  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: Senate Judiciary

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services  
Allocation: Public Defender Agency  
OMB Component Number: 1631

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services	415.4		415.4	415.4	415.4	415.4	415.4
Travel	2.6		2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Services	60.2		60.2	60.2	60.2	60.2	60.2
Commodities	4.4		4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1037 GF/MH (UGF)	482.6		482.6	482.6	482.6	482.6	482.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>	<b>482.6</b>

## Positions

Full-time	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No  
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

This bill allows non-hospital facilities to be designated as “evaluation facilities” for involuntary commitment, expanding capacity for psychiatric stabilization and treatment. Establishing crisis residential centers for providing short term treatment and evaluation for those experiencing a mental health crisis should alleviate some burdens on public safety and current facilities with limited capacity.

Patients subject to psychiatric holds have a right to legal representation in some circumstances and this would continue for those utilizing these centers. The Public Defender Agency would continue representing people who are facing involuntary commitment proceedings or determinations in these facilities, as it does presently for those in hospital facilities throughout Alaska. With the creation of more facilities where clients may be located, and these holds litigated, the Agency will need increased attorney and staff capacity for client representation. The hearing schedules for these types of hearings are often in conflict with other court calendars, and these clients often need immediate and in person contact to best communicate with their attorneys. Additionally, commitment proceedings require extensive staff time spent tracking and monitoring orders and release dates on behalf of clients as these vulnerable Alaskans may not be able to effectively monitor these on their own.

The Agency will need the following positions to address the increased workload:

Add Attorney 1-4 (range 24, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$152.0

Indirect rates- \$13.7

Case costs (experts, transcripts, etc.) -\$5.4

Travel -\$2.6

Commodities - \$1.1

Add Paralegal 2 (range 16, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$95.6

Indirect rates- \$13.7

Commodities - \$1.1

Add Paralegal 2 (range 16, Palmer)

Personal Services - \$95.6

Indirect rates- \$13.7

Commodities - \$1.1

Add Law Office Assistant 1 (range 11, Fairbanks)

Personal Services - \$72.2

Indirect rates- \$13.7

Commodities - \$1.1